



8th March 2018 • TERM 1 • WEEK 6•

Principal's Piece

I strongly urge parents to Google “The silent tragedy affecting today’s children”. It is an excellent article about effective parenting. A summary of the article:

- Provide nutritious food and limits snacks
- Spend one hour a day in green space: biking, hiking, fishing, watching birds/insects
- Have a daily technology-free family dinner
- Play one board game a day. (List of family games)
- Involve your child in one chore a day (folding laundry, tidying up toys, hanging clothes, unpacking groceries, setting the table etc)
- Implement consistent sleep routine to ensure that your child gets lots of sleep in a technology-free bedroom
- Teach responsibility and independence. Don't over-protect them from small failures.

Read the full article - it's excellent!

Fees for 2018 school year

School Donation: Single \$50
Family \$70

School Paper Fee: \$20 per student

Bank Account details: ASB Te Awamutu
12 3134 0056652 00

Please reference with child's name

Whanau Hui

On Thursday March 15th at 6:00 PM, we will be having a meeting for all our whanau/families in the staffroom. The aim of this meeting is to introduce our Kapa Haka tutor and set a plan forward for our students with particular reference to Kapa Haka performance costumes. We welcome all our families to attend this meeting.

Important Dates 2018

Mon 12 March: Board of Trustees Meeting
5:30pm School Staffroom
Wed 14 Mar: Senior Swimming starts
Tue 27 Mar: Inter School Swimming
: Duffy book Special Assembly
Fri 30 March: **School closed for Easter**
Mon 2 April: **School closed for Easter**
Tue 3 April: **School closed for Easter**
Tue 4 -12 April: Life Education at School
Mon 9 - 12 April: Seniors at Camp
Fri 13 April : Last day of term

Class Assembly Dates

Fri 9 March - Rm 9 Klipspringers
Fri 16 March - Rm 17 Impalas
Fri 23 March - Rm 4 Stars
Fri 30 March - Good Friday No school
Fri 6 April - Rm 5 Goats
Fri 13 April - End of Term Assembly

Safety Reminder- Bikes to School

It is great to see so many children coming to school on a their bike's, what's not so great are the number of children arriving or leaving not wearing helmets.

Your child's safety is important to us.



They must wear a helmet if they are riding their bikes to and from school, it is LAW. A helmet is like a seatbelt in the car please make it click.

Helmets help to save lives



PTA Update

A massive thank you to the PTA for organising our first school fundraiser for 2018, and a special thank you to all those children and families who contributed to this fundraiser by selling pies.

Pies will be available for pick up on Thursday 22 March between 2:30pm to 4pm, from the School Library Foyer.

Update Contact Information

A couple of weeks ago your child would of brought a Green form home for you to complete and return to school.

The purpose of this form was to ensure we have the most current contact and health information for your child in our office. There are still a number of children who have not returned these forms if you require another one please call into the office.

Action Learning Week for our Junior School

Room 13 - Butterflies

Room 13 Butterflies have been having lots of fun during Action Learning.

There have been many different activities for them to do such as:

Build with Blocks

Use the car mat

Practise Writing our letters/words

Use magnetic letters, and

Write words using salt

We now know the letter and sounds s,a,t and l.



Room 11 - Dragon Flies

In Room 11 we have been practicing our writing in different ways. A couple of our favourites are writing in shaving foam and making letters and numbers with play dough. So much fun.



2018 JUNIOR RUGBY

WEIGH-IN DATES

@ Te Awamutu Sports Clubrooms

All registrations to be done online prior to Weigh-ins. See facebook post for further information.

<https://www.facebook.com/TASJuniorRugby/>

All Grades
6th - 13th

Tuesday 6th March
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursday 8th March
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Sunday 11th March
10am - 12pm

Subs \$45

To be paid in cash (only)
at weigh-in's or online
when registering

Includes Shorts & Socks



ATTENTION ALL FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Junior Player Registrations (players aged 5-14 years) will take place on 10th March at the Stadium, Armstrong Ave, 9am-noon, or register on line at our website www.teawamutuafc.com or our Facebook page Te Awamutu AFC.

WANTED Senior Men's and Women's players

For more info contact the Club Secretary on 0274911454



Room 10 Buzzing Bees

This week Room 10 Bee's have focused on the big book 'The Gardener's Maze' as the motivation for the children to create their own marble maze in pairs. We are developing problem solving skills and are learning about the importance of planning, measuring and communicating our own ideas clearly, when making anything. The children will be given several opportunities to improve or adapt their maze this week. Next week we will plan to make larger mazes with more than just straws.



Our Middle School - Keeping Active

The middle team had youth town on Wednesday. It was fantastic. We got so puffed everyone wanted to go for a drink but we had to wait until it was finished. We learnt how to pass the ball, catch the ball and follow a person.

Keisha and Isabella



Science in Room 9 – Klip Springers

On Tuesday, we learnt about capillary action and how things can soak up water. We used paper towels, food colouring, cups and water. We poured water in a cup and then in another and the middle one was empty. We put food colouring in the two cups on the outside and then we put the paper towels in. It was amazing how it soaked up the water and traveled over the paper towels. It was also cool when the flowers drunk the coloured water and made them turn from white into blue, green, pink, red and yellow like in the photo.

Amelie and Cortez.



HEALTHY HOME BAKING

HEALTHY SWAPS

Halve the amount of butter or oil and replace with:

- Mashed banana
- Mashed canned peaches – drain off any juice
- Stewed apples – no added sugar
- Natural yoghurt

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017



Aspiring Attitudes, Inspiring Actions

Belonging – Turangawaewae, Excellence – Hiranga, Unity – Kotahitanga, Pride – Mana, Integrity – Ngakau, Respect – Manaaki, Spirit – Wairua

Senior School Passion Project

The senior school enjoyed their first Passion project for 2018, which was making a bag out of recycled material. The bags were made out of used Calf Feed Bags.

Check out our school talent!!!



SENIOR CAMP (Year 5/6)

WHERE: Epworth Recreation Camp
Lake Karapiro

WHEN: Monday 9 April - Thursday 12

COSTS:

Deposit Amount: \$40

Due By: Friday 9 March 2018

Full cost of camp: \$155

Due By: Friday 30 March 2018

This year we are asking that \$40 (per child) is to be paid by Friday 9 March. Full payment of \$155 by Friday, March 30th.

If you have any concerns about camp, please see your child's classroom teacher, the office or our team leader (Mike Thornley). Any concerns will be kept confidential and we may be able to help your child attend camp.

Free Ear Clinic -Te Awamutu

This is available to all school aged children

When: Monday 19 March 2018

Where: St Patricks School -Rewi Street, Te Awamutu

Open: 9am to 2:30pm by appointment only

Contact: Waikids 07 838 3565



Manaaki / Respect I show I respect others through my actions and my words

